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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

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For: INFORMATION-CARRYING

AND INFORMATION-PROCESSING POLYMERS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please amend the subject application as follows:

## IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace claim 1 with the following amended version:

1. (Amended) A method for producing information-carrying polymers, comprising:

Step I defining a regular grammar  $G = (\sum, V, R, S)$  with a finite terminal alphabet  $\sum$ , a finite set of variables V, a finite set of rules R, and a start symbol S;

Step II being the NFR method (Niehaus-Feldkamp-Rauhe method) for producing monomer sequences;

Step III implementing, with the NFR method, a grammar as defined in Step I, by producing with the NFR method monomer sequences that unambiguously represent said set of rules R of a grammar G;

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